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Letter dated 7 June 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to draw to your attention the statement on the Solomon Islands issued on 6 June 2000 by the Presidency of the European Union on behalf of the European Union (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the text of this letter and of its annex to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Statement on the Solomon Islands issued on 6 June 2000 by the Presidency of the European Union on behalf of the European Union

The European Union condemns the attempt to overthrow the democratically elected Government of the Solomon Islands. It calls for the immediate and safe release of the Prime Minister, Mr. Bartholomew Ulafa'alu, and others held by the Malaitan Eagle Force. It urges strict respect for the democratic norms and procedures of the constitution. It emphasizes that the peace process in the Solomon Islands can be successfully pursued only through peaceful negotiation, not the use of armed force.

The Central and Eastern European Countries associated with the European Union, the associated countries Cyprus, Malta and Turkey, and the European Free Trade Association countries members of the European Economic Area align themselves with this statement.